

## **BENEFICIARY TRAVEL**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **1. How do I receive mileage reimbursement?**

Mileage reimbursement or the cost of travel by a common carrier will be paid for scheduled outpatient visits or admissions only. Neither one-way nor roundtrip reimbursement will be paid for unscheduled visits or admissions, except for emergency ambulance travel.

Mileage reimbursement is subject to a deductible of \$6 (roundtrip) for each visit, not to exceed \$18 per calendar month. Veterans who are required to make more than these roundtrip visits per calendar month will receive full reimbursement once the \$18 deductible cap is met. The deductible does not apply for travel in conjunction with compensation and pension examinations.

#### **2. Who determines whether or not Special Mode Travel is needed?**

The VA physician determines if special mode travel is medically required. The respective Service Line Social Worker interviews veterans who claim to have no means of transportation and to assist them in locating an alternate means of travel.

#### **3. As a Champ – VA beneficiary, am I entitled to mileage reimbursement?**

Champ – VA beneficiaries are not eligible for mileage reimbursement, or special mode transportation unless it is in conjunction with treatment or special studies during their hospitalization.

#### **4. What are the entitlements for beneficiary travel payments?**

Beneficiary travel payments shall be made to the following:

(1) A veteran or other person traveling in connection with treatment for a service connected disability.

(2) A veteran with a service connected disability rated at 30% or more for treatment of any condition.

(3) A veteran receiving VA pension benefits

(4) A veteran whose annual income does not exceed the maximum annual rate of pension, which would be payable if the veteran, was eligible for pension.

\*Note: All the above are subject to a deductible.

(5) What are the current Means Test Thresholds for Beneficiary Travel?

Veterans with 0 dependents - \$9,690

Veterans with 1 dependent - \$12,692

Additional Dependent Amounts - \$1,653

Basic Rate 2 Dependents - \$14,345

3 Dependents - \$15,998

4 Dependents - \$17,651

5 Dependents - \$19,304

6 Dependents - \$20,957

7 Dependents - \$22,610

8 Dependents - \$24,263